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1. DEPARTMENT SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT FOLLOWING PASSAGES IN SECRETARIAT PAPER ON JAPAN:

"WITH THE PROJECTED 49,000 GW OF NUCLEAR CAPACITY BY THE END OF 1985 (WHICH PAPER EARLIER STATED WAS FAR LARGER THAN CURRENT ESTIMATES) THE PROBLEMS OF REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUELS DISCHARGED ARE PERHAPS THE MOST IMMEDIATE IN THE
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FUEL CYCLE.

"THE FIRST REPROCESSING PLANT IN JAPAN...HAS JUST COMPLETED TRIAL OPERATIONS. A SECOND PLANT IS TO BE BUILT BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT."

2. USG IS URGENTLY SEEKING INTERNATIONAL REASSESSMENT OF

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NEED FOR REPROCESSING, EXAMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF EXTRACTING THE ENERGY VALUE FROM SPENT FUEL WITHOUT SEPARATING THE PLUTONIUM, MAXIMUM RESORT TO SPENT FUEL STORAGE AT LEAST WHILE SUCH REASSESSMENT IS IN PROGRESS, AND CONSIDERATION OF THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES OF LONG

TERM SPENT FUEL STORAGE. WHILE THE EXACT MANNER IN WHICH THIS POLICY WILL AFFECT US-JAPANESE TRANSACTIONS IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, IT IS COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO STIMULATE OR ACCELERATE JAPANESE RESORT TO REPROCESSING.

3. ACCORDINGLY, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD ENSURE THAT DISCUSSION OF FINAL QUESTIONS REFTEL (WHAT IS THE GOJ POLICY ON REPROCESSING AND WASTE DISPOSAL? WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE BACK END CYCLE) DOES NOT PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT REPROCESSING IS THE ONLY AVAILABLE WAY OF DEALING WITH SPENT REACTOR FUEL, AND THAT SUCH DISCUSSION REFLECT U.S. INTEREST IN A SERIOUS LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVES OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES, AND THE NEED TO AVOID RUSHING INTO REPROCESSING PENDING SUCH REASSESSMENT.
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